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1. AUSTRALIAN WHEAT BOARD CONTACT TOLD AGATTACHE OFFICE ON CONFIDENTIAL BASIS TWO REPRESENTATIVES OF EXPORTKHELB, MR. EUGENE BANNIKOV AND MR. MAKHAILOV VISITED AUSTRALIA DURING LAST WEEK IN AUGUST AND RETURNED TO MOSCOW AUGUST 27. ALTHOUGH CONTACT REFUSED TO DISCLOSE WHETHER ANY NEW CONTRACTS HAD BEEN NEGOTIATED, IT WAS CLEAR THIS WAS PRIMARY PURPOSE OF VISIT. CONTACT MERELY STATED THAT THE BOARD HAD NOTHING TO ANNOUNCE ON THE VISIT AT THIS STAGE.

2. EXPORTKHELB DELEGATION REPORTEDLY ALSO SOUGHT TO PURCHASE FEED GRAINS FROM AUSTRALIA AND VISITED AUSTRALIAN BARLEY BOARD OFFICES IN MELBOURNE. TRADE SOURCES INDICATED QUEENSLAND BARLEY BOARD MADE COMMITMENT FOR 80,000 TONS OF BARLEY DURING MEETING WITH VISITORS, BUT THIS OFFICE HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO OBTAIN CONFIRMATION OF SUCH A SALE.
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